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Detailed Action

1. The reply filed on 5/8/07 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the applicant did not respond to the examiner's remarks in paragraph 4 of the Office Action of 1/4/07. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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2. The reply filed on 5/8/07 fully delineated the structure & function of applicant's invention(s). This is good and helpful.

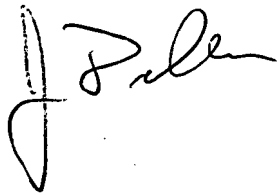
However, in paragraph 4 of the Office Action of 1/4/07 and additionally, in what the applicant may find instructive on the specifics of examiner's position, in paragraph 3 of the Office Action of 6/20/06, the applicant had no response on what the examiner specifically identified as the central issue of the new matter question.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph A. Dillon, Jr. whose telephone number is (571)272-6913. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30, every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Crawford can be reached on (571)272-6911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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